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1. BILATERAL MEETING TOOK PLACE JULY 10 IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE. AFTER REVIEWING HISTORY AND PRESENT STATUS OF PROBLEM, THE TWO SIDES FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT OF REASONABLE AND EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO BAN ON DES TREATED MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COULD BE MET. FOLLOWING PROGRAM EXPLORED: USDA WOULD ORGANIZE, PERHAPS THROUGH EXTENSION SERVICE COUNTRY AGENT SYSTEM, SEMINARS TO EXPLAIN TO FEED LOT OPERATORS INTERESTED IN EXPORTING TO CANADA THE CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS, THE MODALITIES OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, AND THE PENALTIES FOR FALSE CERTIFICATION. PARTICIPANTS IN SEMINARS WOULD BE ISSUED DOCUMENT ATTESTING THAT THEY HAD PARTICIPATED AND UNDERSTOOD PROGRAM. FOR INDIVIDUAL SHIPMENTS OPERATORS WOULD ISSUE PRIMARY CERTIFICATION THAT ANIMALS HAD NOT BEEN TREATED WITH DES. THIS WOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITED VETERINARY THAT OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE CORRECT TO BEST
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OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND THAT OPERATOR HAD PRODUCED DOCUMENT

ATTESTING TO SEMINAR PARTICIPATION. USDA OFFICIAL AT BORDER WOULD ISSUE CERTIFICATE, BASED ON OPERATOR AND VETERINARY CERTIFICATES, THAT SHIPMENT MEETS CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS. CERTIFICATIONS WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY SPOT CHECKS OF FEED LOTS, RESIDUE TESTING, ETC. SIMILAR PROCEDURES INCLUDING SOME FORM OF USDA BRIEFING WOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR PACKING PLANTS.

2. GOC DELEGATION INDICATED THEY PREPARED TO CONSIDER THIS TYPE OF APPROACH BUT EMPHASIZED THEY COULD NOT MAKE IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT AND WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT CABINET. U.S. DELEGATION POINTED OUT THAT IDEAS THEY HAD PUT FORWARD WERE AD REFERENDUM AND WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED FURTHER IN WASHINGTON, ESPECIALLY QUESTION OF EXTENSION SERVICE SEMINARS. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN INTERIM WELLS (CANADA) AND WISE (U.S.) WOULD GET TOGETHER TO PREPARE DETAILED PACKAGE AND TO TRY TO RESOLVE SUCH QUESTIONS AS HOW LONG CATTLE WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF OPERATOR BEFORE CERTIFICATION ACCEPTABLE. THIS WORK WOULD BE EXPEDITED SO THAT PROGRAM COULD BE IMPLEMENTED QUICKLY WHEN AND IF FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONCEPTUAL APPROACH.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING BOTH SIDES FELT THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE BUT BOTH ALSO RECOGNIZED NEED FOR DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN TIMING OF NEXT STEPS IN THIS IMMEDIATE POST-ELECTION PERIOD IN CANADA. ACCORDING TO PRESS PRIME MINISTER HAS CALLED FIRST CABINET MEETING FOR NEXT TUESDAY BUT IT NOT CERTAIN HOW QUICKLY GOVERNMENT WILL BE ORGANIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE LESS SAID TO THE PRESS ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING THE BETTER. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO LIMIT COMMENTS ESSENTIALLY TO FACT THAT CONSULTATIONS LOOKING TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM ARE CONTINUING. CANADIANS MAY INDICATE THAT U.S. MAKING SERIOUS EFFORTS TO MEET CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF GOC DELEGATION EMPHASIZED PRIVATELY NEED TO AVOID SUGGESTION THAT AGREEMENT IS AT HAND AS THIS WOULD APPEAR TO PREJUDGE CABINET DECISION, AND COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

5. THIS REPORT PREPARED AFTER DEPARTURE OF U.S. DELEGATION
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